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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A glass-ceramic plate comprising at least one opening located within a bent portion of said plate, ~~this said opening being at a location other than a heating area and/or having at least one dimension greater than 10 cm and/or an angular and/or complex shape,~~ wherein an outer peripheral edge around said opening is bent upwards, and wherein said opening is a suction hood opening configured for use with a suction hood for allowing for the extraction of cooking gases.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Previously Presented) The plate as claimed in claim 1, wherein said opening is at least 35 mm from an edge of the plate.

4. (Previously Presented) The plate as claimed in claim 1, wherein said opening occupies a position in a central area of said plate.

5. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ A glass-ceramic plate as claimed in claim 1 comprising at least one opening located within a bent portion of said plate, this opening being at a location other than a heating area and/or having at least one dimension greater than 10 cm and/or an angular and/or complex shape, wherein said opening has a polygonal shape.

6. (Currently Amended) The plate as claimed in claim ~~[[2]]~~ 1, wherein said suction hood is located beneath said plate.

7. (Currently Amended) The plate as claimed in claim ~~[[2]]~~ 1, wherein said opening is covered with a protective element configured to prevent objects from dropping therethrough while still allowing cooking gases to be sucked therethrough.